Police Chief's views on Security of People in the Capital

†348. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara dated 30th June, 2001 under the title "khud police pramukh kahate hain apradhiyon se bachav ka vada nahi kar sakte";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what steps Government would like to take to check the criminals and for providing security of the people of capital; and

(d) the impact of statement by the Police Chief on the people of other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Delhi Police have, however, clarified that the news report in question is neither based on any interview given by the Commissioner of Police, Delhi nor reflects the crime situation in Delhi correctly. This is borne out by the fact that the crime rate in Delhi has shown a declining trend since the year 1999.

The steps taken by Delhi Police to improve the law and order in the National Capital Territory of Delhi include intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecedents of domestic servants and tenants; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meetings with officers of neighbouring states; meeting with members of Resident Welfare Associations; formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district; and deployment of police personnel in plain clothes in running buses, market places, business places and other crime prone place.

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